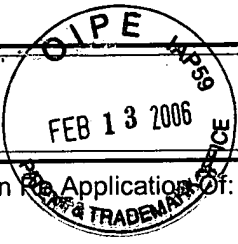


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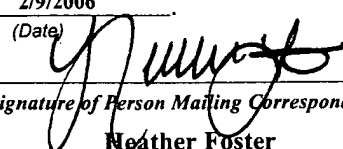
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the status of the above-identified patent application. On March 25, 2005, Applicants filed an Appeal Brief. Applicants then received, on June 14, 2005, a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief. Applicants submitted a revised Appeal Brief thereafter on June 28, 2005. Nine months later, Applicants have not received any communication from the Patent Office, let alone an Examiner's Answer. Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office act on this application as soon as possible as this application has been on appeal for over a year without an Examiner's Answer.

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